

**MINUTES OF THE LEGISLATIVE MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD  
OF THE TOWN OF PELHAM HELD ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2016  
AT THE TOWN HALL COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** SUPERVISOR PETER DIPAOLA, DEPUTY TOWN SUPERVISOR DANIEL MCLAUGHLIN, COUNCILMAN BLAKE BELL, COUNCILWOMAN RAE SZYMANSKI, AND COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY CASE.

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** TOWN CLERK COLLEEN WALSH.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** TOWN COUNSEL THOMAS KLEINBERGER, DEPUTY TOWN CLERK JESSICA HYNES, CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY TO SUPERVISOR RUTHANN DE SIMONE.

**CALL TO ORDER** - Town Supervisor Peter DiPaola called the legislative meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**Approval of the minutes**

1. Supervisor DiPaola asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Legislative Meeting of July 11, 2016.

Motion by: Councilman McLaughlin  
Seconded by: Councilman Bell

Vote taken:	
Supervisor DiPaola	Aye
Councilman Bell	Aye
Councilman Case	Abstained
Councilwoman Szymanski	Abstained
Councilman McLaughlin	Aye

Motion carried unanimously.



Vote taken:

Supervisor DiPaola	Aye
Councilman Bell	Aye
Councilman Case	Aye
Councilwoman Szymanski	Aye
Councilman McLaughlin	Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

Town Constable Christopher Williams was recognized by the Town Board for his efforts in educating himself to better serve The Town of Pelham, including becoming a Defensive Tactics Instructor, and for his meritorious effort. Councilman Bell also brought to the Board's attention that Christopher Williams has purchased equipment for the Constables and gone through extensive training to permit him to train our Constables. Councilman Bell commended all of the Constables in focusing on their core responsibilities, including transporting prisoners and protecting the Court. Supervisor DiPaola also commended the Constables as a credit to the uniform that they wear.

### III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### 1. Councilwoman Szymanski – Flycar

For the month of July, there were 39 calls in Pelham, 28 calls in Pelham Manor, and 4 on the Hutchinson River Parkway. 40% of calls were answered in 3-6 minutes.

#### 2. Councilman Bell – Legal

##### Justice Reports for June 2016

Justice John Gardner	\$62,795.59
Justice John Dechiaro	\$47,550.00

##### Justice Reports for July 2016

Justice John Gardner	\$44,016.35
Justice John Dechiaro	\$40,007.00

#### Taxes for June 2016

Town/County Taxes 2016	87,058.10
Town/County Taxes 2015	0
School Taxes	5,876.32
School Collection Fee	31.74
Credit Card Fee	59.49
Duplicate Payments	(28,570.28)

Penalties and Interest	4,032.46
Liens	0
Taxpayers Agreement	1,345.59
Misc.	3.00
Pro-Ratas	187.48
Total	70,083.90

## Taxes for July 2016

Town/County Taxes 2016	52,979.11
Town/County Taxes 2015	0
School Taxes	0
School Collection Fee	0
Credit Card Fee	0
Duplicate Payments	0
Penalties and Interest	10,021.62
Liens	129,695.22
Taxpayers Agreement	1,345.59
Misc.	396.00
Pro-Ratas	2,182.32
Total	196,619.86

## Taxes for August 2016

Town/County Taxes 2016	35,369.52
Town/County Taxes 2015	0
School Taxes	0
School Collection Fee	0
Credit Card Fee	0
Duplicate Payments	(16,760.17)
Penalties and Interest	12,931.66
Liens	130,529.02
Taxpayers Agreement	1,345.59
Misc.	0
Pro-Ratas	709.01
Total	164,124.67

The Town of Pelham Constables have also successfully established a 501 C3, which enables the organization to accept and use appropriate donations of equipment.

Of note, there are now 13 constables in Pelham. 9 of those chose to participate in the 9/11 Memorial Ceremony this week.

### **3. Library Board - Deputy Supervisor McLaughlin**

There will be a Library Board meeting on 9/14/16. The last meeting was 7/20/16. There is now a Chinese/English bilingual story time every other Saturday from 10:30 – 11:15 am. It was very well attended.

The Junior League had previously coordinated story time, and they can no longer support that activity due to the high percentage of working women in the League. Long time Library patron Toby Meyer will take over this program for the present time.

The Library has applied for a \$37,000 matching funds program for repairs to the handicapped ramp in the back of the building. If the Library is awarded this grant, the Town will be responsible to match it with \$19,000. The roof has been repaired.

### **4. Councilman Case – Recreation and PACT**

The Town continues to follow-up with NYC regarding the lease for Spring Road. The Town is awaiting a reply from NYC.

The Recreation Department had a busy summer, with all programs running well.

PACT has a new director, Laura Caruso. She has submitted grant applications for PACT to sustain future events and programs. PACT has an exciting program of Friday night horror movies through the fall.

### **5. Supervisor's Report**

1. The 9/11 Memorial Ceremonies were well attended and were a moving tribute. Supervisor DiPaola thanked Maggie Klein for her motivation to the Town to organize and follow through with these plans.
2. Kudos also were given to Councilman Timothy Case for his role in coordinating the Pelham Manor Police and inviting them to the 9/11 Memorial Ceremony.
3. MOPS (Moms of Pelham) has contacted the Recreation Department to request a more interactive Recreation Department web site. Research is being done to ascertain the feasibility of these changes.
4. Samantha Romanello (PMHS student) has proposed a PACT event which would involve a movie night at the Gazebo in October. The Board agreed that this would be a good idea and a positive event for Pelham's teens.

## **III. MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING**

The Supervisor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 8:04 pm.

Motion by: Councilwoman Szymanski  
Seconded by: Councilman Case

Vote taken:

Supervisor DiPaola	Aye
Councilman McLaughlin	Aye
Councilman Bell	Aye
Councilman Case	Aye
Councilwoman Szymanski	Aye

Motion carried unanimously and the meeting ended at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Colleen Walsh  
Town Clerk  
Pelham, New York